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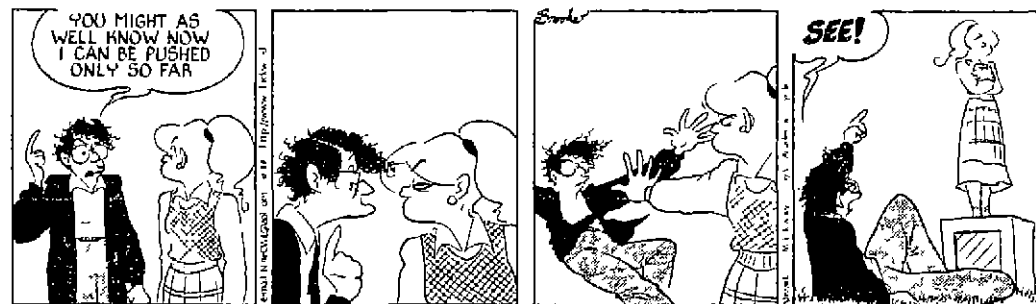
SALLY FORTH



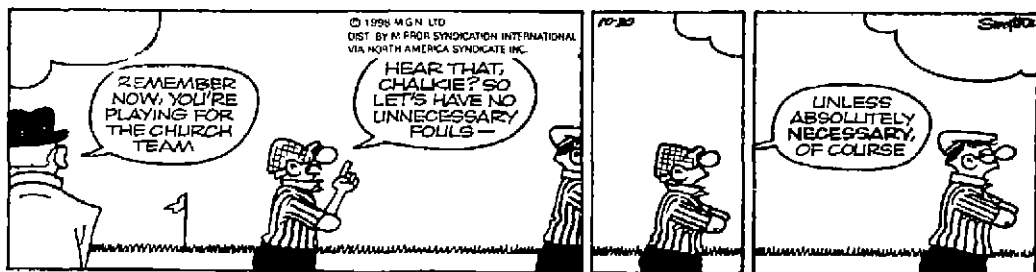
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



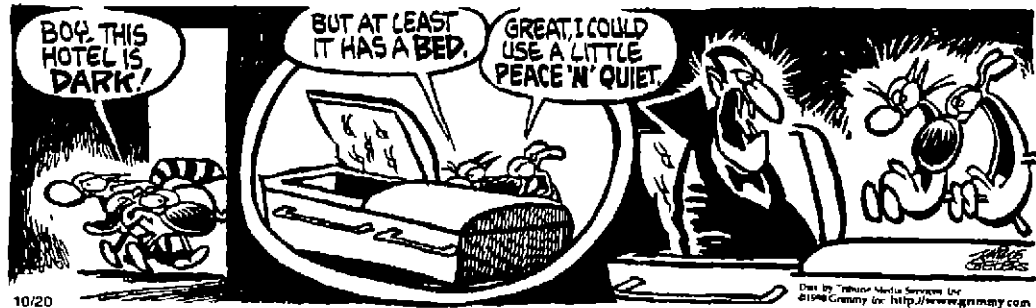
ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



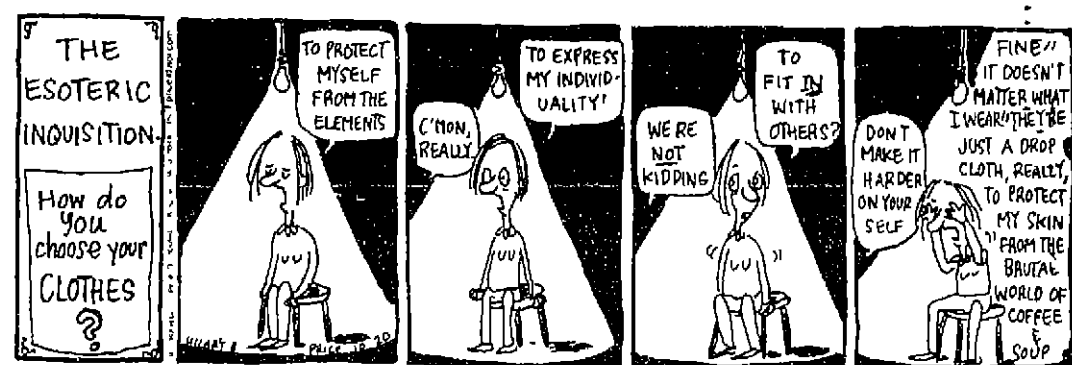
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Radio-television personality Arlene Francis is 90. Dancer Fayard Nicholas is 84. Columnist Art Buchwald is 73. Actor William Christopher is 68. Actor Jerry Orbach is 63. Country singer Wanda Jackson is 61. Singer Tom Petty is 48. Actress Melanie Mayron is 46. Baseball All-Star Keith Hernandez is 45. Actor Viggo Mortensen is 40. Rock musician Jim Sonfield (Hootie & The Blowfish) is 34.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

D	I	U	D	N	C	E
T	T	S	S	E	U	G
A	A	H	O	O	C	M
C	U	U	E	O	R	P

PAR SCORE 65-75
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 10-20-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Charles -

R T R O L J G E B Y W U R P N
K E E I G H D B Z X V S N Q O
M K V (L A U G H T O N) I N Y
G E C I L A Y R W K D U S I E
S T L A R U K B E O Q P N W L
C L J T H F A A R B O Y E R K
H O E L C A T G O O D Y E A R
U Y L A X I V U E S N N Q D A
L P N S N E K C I D M S I K B
Z J H G O F E C B Z Y X O L V
U T R Q P N O M L K I H G N E

Monday's unlisted clue: ECHOES
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: "PEANUTS"

Atlas	Coleon	Goodyear	Loughton
Barkley	Darwin	Grodin	Lindbergh
Boyer	de Gaulle	Keating	River
Bronson	Dickens	Kuralt	

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HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Finally you realize that co-operation is far more constructive than confrontation.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Don't forget to lend a hand to those in need as you happily bask in the limelight.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The motto: Where there's smoke there's fire. Holds true today.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Try to tune in to the rhythms of the natural world and their effects on your daily life.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Reconsider a longstanding habit, particularly if it is impeding productivity.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) If you don't think you can make it on your own, don't be shy to ask for a helping hand.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your sense of order returns with just a little bit of emotional spring cleaning.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Others will forget and forgive a minor breach of protocol far more quickly than you realize.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) If it's all getting to be too much, figure out how you can take a brief escape.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Everyone who knows and loves you is willing to shower you with affection.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Make more creative use of your abundant personal resources.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A partnership hinges on not just words but their accompanying actions. Patience and perseverance can make all the difference.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Declarer ducked West's spade king and took the queen with dummy's ace. He cashed dummy's trump king and overtook the queen with his ace, happy to find the 2-2 split. All that remained was to establish diamonds without losing the lead to East. South led a low diamond, playing dummy's king when West followed low. Then he returned a diamond, hoping to duck into the West hand. Unfortunately, East alertly played his queen to stymie South. South desperately took his ace and led another diamond, but East's fine play won the battle. East took his 10, and the club shift beat the game. How could South have made the game? After trumps break 2-2, South should cash the ace and king of diamonds and lead dummy's spade 10. On this, he discards his third diamond, and West is finished. In today's layout, West must offer a ruff and stuff or lead a club. If West had held a third diamond for an exit, it wouldn't have helped. South would ruff and cross to dummy's high trump to run the diamonds.

NORTH 10-20 A-
A 10 5
K Q J
K 8 6 4 3
8 2

WEST EAST
K Q J 9 3 A 4 2
A 2 6 3
J 2 K 8 6 4 3
A Q 7 5 J 10 9 8 6 3

SOUTH
7 5
A 10 9 8 7 5
A 7 5
K 4

Vulnerable North South
Dealer West

The bidding
West North East South
1 ♠ 4 ♠ Pass Pass
Pass Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Spade king

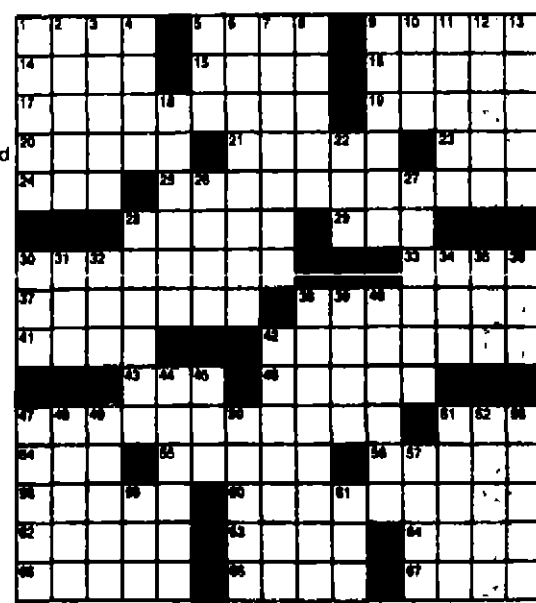
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0908

- ACROSS**
- 1 Volcano flow
 - 2 Kind of drum or fiddle
 - 3 Halloween disguises
 - 14 Passing notice
 - 15 Gel sore
 - 16 Tatum or Ryan
 - 17 Makeup brand
 - 18 Join forces
 - 20 French farewell
 - 21 March of —
 - 22 Nada
 - 23 Ran first
 - 24 Accountant's software
 - 25 Porterhouse or T-bone
 - 26 Many a Melville setting, with "the"
 - 29 They may be served with a twist
 - 30 Pork cut
 - 31 Like some pre-Columbian culture
 - 32 Golden attribute?
 - 41 Filmdom's Joel or Ethan
 - 42 Removes gently
 - 43 Home of the Bears and the Bulls Abbr.
 - 44 Exhibit annoying satisfaction
 - 47 Silky haired dog
 - 51 Pvt.'s boss
 - 54 Little piggy?
 - 55 Skater Hamilton
 - 56 Wedding seater
 - 58 Full of chutzpah
 - 59 End-of-filming gala
 - 62 See eye to eye
 - 63 Bit of Italian bread?
 - 64 Verne's captain
 - 65 Exams
 - 66 1974 Sutherland/Gould spoof
 - 67 Broadway star Verdon
- DOWN**
- 1 The slo-o-o-ow train
 - 2 Dwelling
 - 3 Lively, as an imagination
 - 4 Suit to —
 - 5 Grocery tote
 - 6 Harmful precipitation
 - 7 Screams
 - 8 Alabama march city
 - 9 Puddinglike dessert
 - 10 — Arbor, Mich.
 - 11 Take by force
 - 12 Count of "Today"
 - 13 "George Washington — here"
 - 18 Rural
 - 22 Asner and Begley
 - 23 Baseball's Tony or Alejandro
 - 27 Most hearty
 - 28 Hornd snuff
 - 29 Computer that doesn't use Windows

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BLTS LAMAR RIOT
ETRE ADOBE ANNA
EMIT MEALS WALK
FITTOGETHER LYE
STELLA DERRA
EDEL NATTER
OAFS TOAD NEHRU
NIL HENPECK ELS
EDUCE SILO FRET
RESENT NINER
TONES CLEATS
SHE ALLWORKEDUP
LORD LARGE NAME
OBEY EVERY AGEE
BOOE NENE NEARD



- 31 — dye (chemical coloring)
- 32 Way to go Abbr
- 34 Mrs. Lennon
- 36 Hosp. section
- 38 After-tax amount
- 39 Healthful
- 40 "Time — My Side" (Stones hit)
- 41 Precede, with "to"
- 42 Sweethead's journey?
- 44 Corned beef dishes
- 45 Co. abbr
- 47 Chance for a hit
- 48 Smithy
- 49 First, second, reverse, etc.
- 50 Bays, in a way
- 51 Chronic nag
- 52 " — to the Church on Time"
- 53 Don at the tailor's
- 57 Crooned
- 58 Put in rollers
- 61 Mas' mates

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